GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Protection of Elephants
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has developed any process for protecting the elephants from getting killed by trains;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Railway has developed the following process/steps/corrective measures for protection of elephants getting killed on railway tracks:-
Imposition of suitable speed restrictions in identified locations keeping the joint advisory of Ministry of Environment & Forest and Ministry of Railways and train operation requirements in consideration, provision of signage boards on identified corridors to alert the loco pilots, training programme to sensitise train crew and Station Masters on a regular basis, deputing of staff of Forest Department in the control office, need-based clearance of vegetation on the sides of the track within railway land, VHF communication links between forest officials and stations, construction of underpasses and ramp passes for the movement of elephants at identified locations, construction of girder bridges at the entrance of the deep cuttings to prevent elephants getting trapped, and provision of fencing at isolated locations etc.
(c) Does not arise.
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